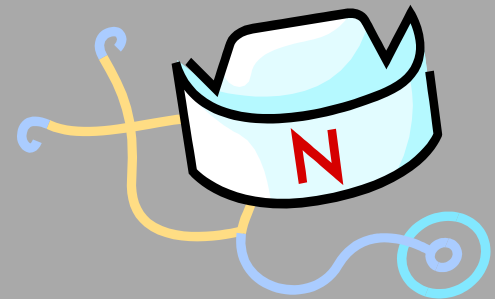


Nurse Research Internship

Lisa R. Ninci, RN, BSN, BA, BC



Research Intern (RI): Selection Process

- Paid Position
- RI program 144 hours over 18 months
- Participated in multi-disciplinary team meetings.



Preparation for the Project

- KUMC tutorial on Human Subjects Protection
- Review of qualitative analysis techniques:
Making Sense of Qualitative Data:
- Read Complementary Research Strategies by
Amanda Coffey & Paul Atkinson.
- Principal Investigator (PI) assigns tasks and
roles

The Project:

Living with Chronic Mental Illness: A Photo-voice Study

- Definition of Photo-voice:
Enable people to act as recorders of their own story
- Entrusts cameras to those who have the least access
- Values knowledge provided by people who live with specific circumstances: poverty, mental illness or abuse, or the underserved.

Goals of Photo-voice

- To enable people to record their community's strengths and problems.
- To promotes dialogue about important issues through the use of photographs.
- To engage policy makers on the critical populations studied using this technique.



Purpose of Our Study

- Find out if the photo-voice methodology could be used to enhance the level of empathy professionals feel when meeting a person with a psychiatric diagnosis.



- We hoped the subjects could tell their stories using photos they took themselves

Process

Interview

Transcription

Team content analysis: coding



Thematic Analysis

- Feeling misunderstood and invisible in the world
- Attempting to gain control and be safe
- An ongoing effort to repair injured self-esteem
- Use of a variety of coping mechanisms

Implications for Practice

- Photo-voice can be used as a therapeutic tool in mental health
- Investigators concluded with an enhanced sense of empathy and compassion for their patients
- Participants reported they enjoyed the process of taking photos to help describe the experience of living with a chronic mental illness
- A need for continued societal education on mental illness is identified

Manuscript development

- PI and team wrote the research manuscript
- Team members edited
- Manuscript submitted



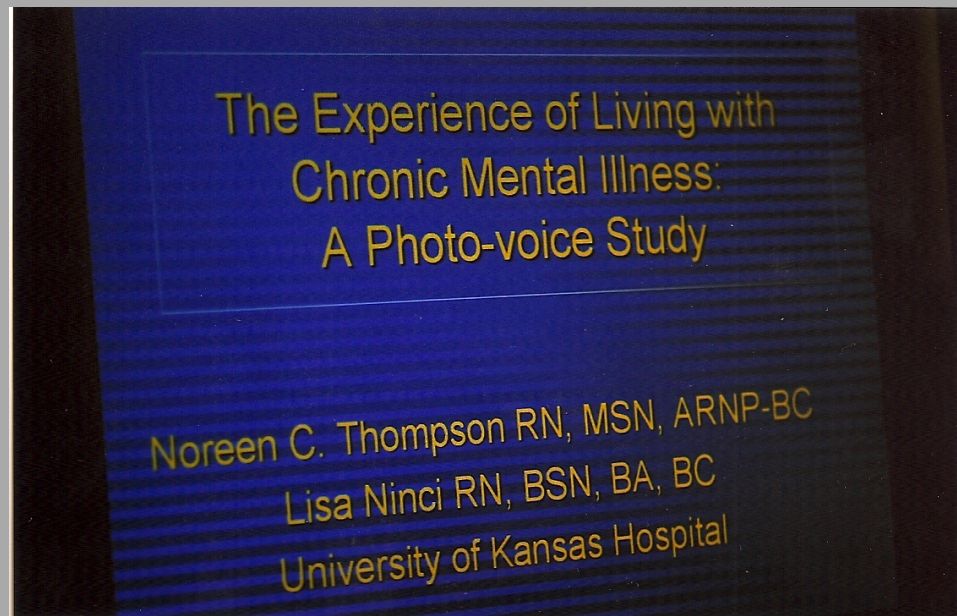
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